

**Amendments to the Specification/Abstract:**

Please amend the present abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A support arm apparatus and method ~~is disclosed~~ for stabilizing an outward, distal portion of a thin, rigid panel attached at an inward, vertical edge opposite the outward, distal portion to a fixed vertical surface, comprising a support bar having externally threaded first and second ends and formed at an elbow angle nearer the first end; a first mounting assembly installed on the first end of the support bar for attaching the first end of the support bar to the thin panel at a first location thereon; and a second mounting assembly installed on the second end of the support bar for attaching the second end of the support bar to the fixed vertical surface at a second location thereon; wherein the externally threaded first and second ends of the support bar enable adjustment of the first and second mounting assemblies respectively along a longitudinal axis of each first and second end of the support bar to stabilize the outward, distal portion of the thin panel at a predetermined panel angle.

On page 11, beginning at line 22, please replace the existing paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

In another alternative embodiment of a support bar assembly 121 having a first arm 123 and a second arm 105 shown in Figure 6, the second, longer arm 125 of the support bar may include a length-adjustable segment 127 to enable adjusting the support bar to more closely fit the distance from the fixed mounting surface to the attachment location on the thin panel. In the illustrative embodiment of Figure 6, the first arm 123 includes ~~the~~ an elbow angle and coupling 137, shaft support 129, and a smaller-diameter threaded shaft 131 and a lock nut 135. The second arm 125 includes a threaded hole in the end opposite the first end (which has threads 53, as previously described). The length of the second arm 125 is adjusted by turning the second arm 125 on the

threaded shaft 131, inserted into threaded hole 133, then tightening the lock nut 135 against the end of the second arm 125. This operation may be done during installation, without having to remove the second mounting assembly.